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2017 Schedule of Meetings:

Aug. 2nd, Sept. 6th, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st, and Dec. 6th.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts 7 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. NOB 2K0.

2017 Annual Membership Fee:

Regular \$10

Couple \$12

Junior (14 to age 18) \$5

Under 14 Free

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South Wellington Coin Society Monthly Newsletter

NEXT MEETING DATE:
WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 2ND, 2017
DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.
MEETING STARTS

****7 P.M.****

THEME:
FRENCH JETONS

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 AT **7 P.M.**** (DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.!) **Ben Dettweiler** (WCS President, ONA Bourse Chairperson) will present "*French Jetons*" along with an exhibit of his jeton collection. This is an expanded presentation from that previously given at the WCS meeting.

The word "jeton" (also shown as "jetton") for counter comes from the French verb "jeter", used in the sense of "to push," because the counters (jetons) were pushed over the abacus during the calculation. The first numismatic jetons have to be dated a little before 1200. From that time on, the brass discs were struck like coins in Italy and France. The oldest jetons bear no inscriptions but rather a common heraldic sign or a coat of arms in the field and sometimes some isolated characters. Jetons are not coins but tokens and classified as Exonumia.



We were very happy at our July meeting to welcome two new members: **Martin Hoffmann** and **John Pytel**. All guests are always welcomed, and we hope they enjoy themselves enough to join the club. We were also sad to learn of **John Semedo's** continued medical challenges, and **Mike Hollingshead** asked all of us to keep John in our prayers.

Our SWCS fall coin show is coming up in September (see flyer inside this issue). Once again, we need assistance for set up and tear down, especially to aid some dealers with medical conditions. **Please see Mike Hollingshead to sign up to volunteer** (setup / teardown, security, admissions, kids table). Even if you can only spare an hour, all help is appreciated. The shows are what enable us to keep our membership and auction fees low, to provide free refreshments, to issue medals, and to hold special events like our pizza night.

Bring along a friend or two to our next meeting, share the FUN and LAUGHTER!!



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Coin Society **founded
in 1997**



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SWCS:
Was founded in March 1997.
This medal was issued 2015.



**SWCS is recipient of
BOTH RCNA Club of
Year and Newsletter of
Year Awards.**



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SWCS EXECUTIVE

Term of Office: **July 1, 2015—June 30, 2018 (3 yrs)**

Board of Directors (elected)

(sets officers guidelines, but not involved in day-to-day operations EXCEPT responsible for ALL education programs and looks after ALL contracts for venues and insurance)

Chairman / Director: **Scott Douglas**

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Officers (elected)

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President: **Scott Douglas**, sdouglas333@gmail.com, **519-853-3812**
(also is club archivist, historian, and looks after medals)

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Treasurer: **Scott Douglas**

(includes all revenues generated from membership dues, meeting, and shows; and looks after advertising)

Secretary: **Judy Blackman**, jblackman@rogers.com
(includes flyers, other club notices, newsletters, public website liaison, private website webmaster, executive agendas and minutes)

Other Non-Elected IMPORTANT Club Roles

ALL Multi-Media Needs: **John Semedo**

ALL Draws and Membership Meeting Notes: **John Semedo** and **Mike Hollingshead**

Show Bourse: **Mike Hollingshead** and **Lowell Wierstra**

Auction Chairman: **Lowell Wierstra**

Auctioneers: **Mike Hollingshead** and **Scott Douglas**
Auction Runners: available executive and other members.

“Giving Back to Community” Liaison:
Heather Hoddinott

Hospitality, Mall Days and Kids’ Programs & Mentors:
Mel Brown and **Charles Turton**

Meeting Room Set-up and Clean-up:
All members present



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Club Report & News reported by Mike Hollingshead, John Semedo, and Scott Douglas

Our July 5th meeting seen 22 regular members, 2 new members, 2 guests, and one well-behaved club mascot (Roxy) for a total 27 in attendance. Roxy didn't even try to get any of the yummy cookies **Mel Brown** brought or the cream cheese squares. [Photos, except BNOY note, by Judy Blackman.]

Draws:

Our SWCS July Membership Draw was for \$5 and the name pulled was **Albert Dayeh**. Albert, so sorry you and your wife were not in attendance. August will be for \$10 so remember that if you're not there, you can't win!

Lightning struck twice in July for **Dwayne Spears**! He was the lucky winner of King Arthur's Treasure which contained a total of 60 items.

Next he held the winning ticket for the Daytona Draw! Dwayne chose envelope #3 (why does everyone choose #3????).

The envelope was auctioned off and eventually **Martin Hoffmann** (right with Scott) won with his bid of \$28.



Camera-shy Dwayne decided to accept the cash offer of \$28 and Martin went home with a Royal Canadian Mint 1971 Proof Like Set, 1997 Proof Like Set, and 1973 Double-Penny Specimen Set in case. **Congratulations to Dwayne and Martin!**

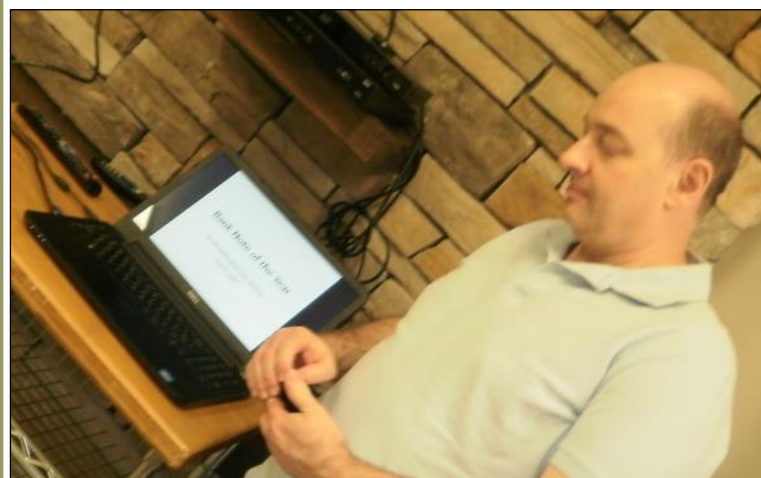
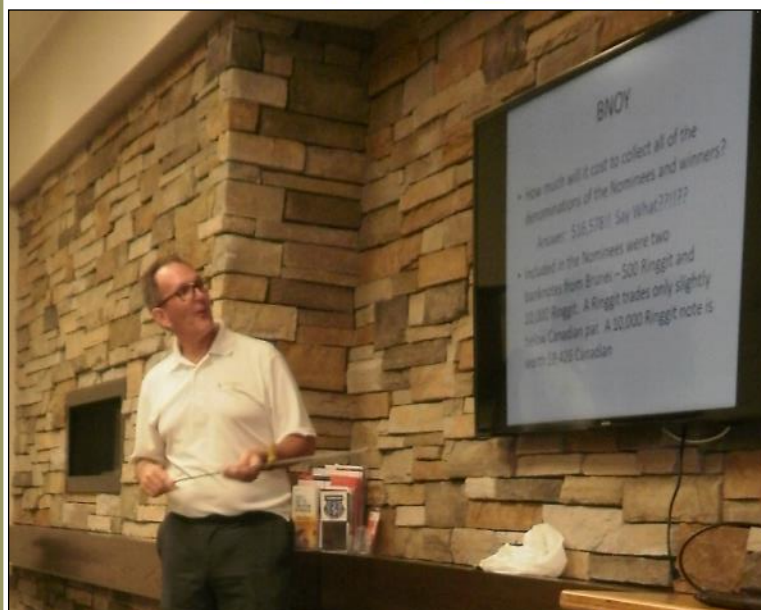
Education:

Paul Miller gave a humorous and entertaining talk on the International Bank Note Society's annual Bank Note of the Year program. The program began in 2004 and consists of bank notes nominated by issuing authorities around the world. The notes can also be nominated by IBNS members.

The notes must be newly-issued in the year to be eligible for the contest. Voting is done by all members of IBNS. Most years it is quite affordable to acquire the winning note. It was mentioned that collecting a replacement note for each winning annual bank note might be considerably more difficult. SWCS members might check out the website of IBNS for more info about the BNOY program, as well as, other info on world paper money: <http://www.theibns.org/joomla/index.php>.

Canada has an IBNS Chapter in Vancouver, the contact is Clint O'Toole, email auscot@shaw.ca if you would like more info or

have any questions about membership or the BNOY program. You can also download a pdf sample of the IBNS journal at this link https://www.theibns.org/journals/sample_journal.pdf. The 2016 Swiss BNOY is pictured below.



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Upcoming Educational Speakers:

2017-September: Judy Blackman will give a small presentation on *"Recognition of Doris Phaneuf of the Canadian Bank Note Company"* (a little more detailed than the WCS March presentation).

2017-October: Ernie Blair on *"Canadian Precious Medals."* If you caught Ernie on Pocket Change Radio, you know this will be a very interesting presentation!

2017-November: Scott and Mike are working on a couple of out-of-town guest speakers to see which one we can synchronize our schedule with – stay tuned!

2017-December: our food bank drive, and **Scott Douglas** will give another *Christmas Medals* presentation (different from last's year's).

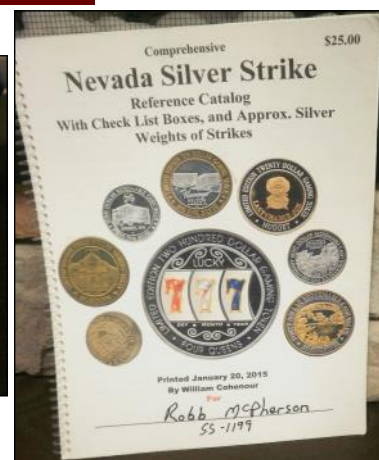
Other Business:

Ernie Blair described a Canadian MS-grade coin previously certified and slabbed by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) (founded in the USA in 1987) which was removed and sent into International Coin Certification Service (ICCS) (founded in Canada in 1986), and how ICCS graded the coin higher than NGC. The key here is the point grading system in the USA varies from the Cdn system.

Mike Hollingshead discussed the new Canada 150 Canadian Tire notes, and how to identify a replacement note, and the value the replacements are already fetching in the marketplace, i.e. so far offers as high as \$200 per note.



Robb and Lisa McPherson had just returned from Las Vegas where they participated in the Casino Chip Collectors convention. They showed off some of the material that they won and purchased.



Scott Douglas updated on the RCNA Canada 150 program, the CAFNE reception, and educational symposium, and reminded we would like to have a SWCS Club Delegate sponsored to attend the Delegates breakfast meeting.



Below is new member **John Pytel** (with crutch), and clockwise, **Mel Brown, Lowell Wierstra, and Scott Douglas**.

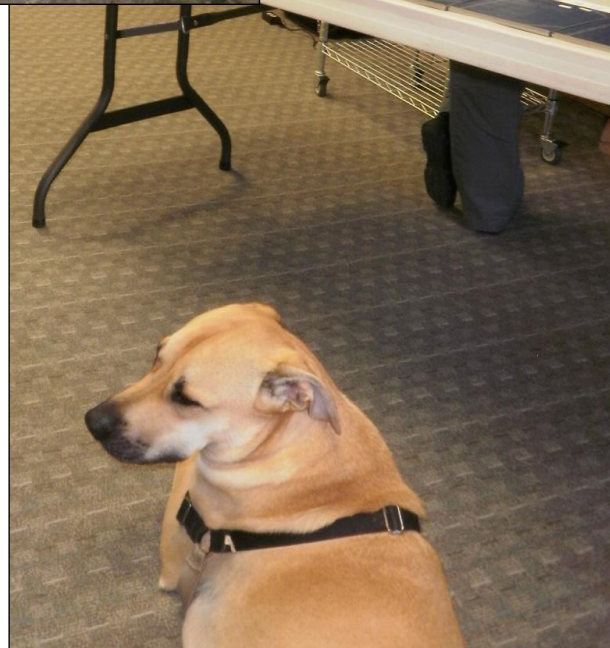


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Auction:

Our July auction once again had **GOLD**— a Canadian Unity (Flying Geese) design “TOGETHER INTO THE FUTURE”. This particular design, has been selling in the \$875-\$950 CAD range according to iCollector auctions and eBay sales, as well as world coin dealers. The winning bid was a pre-telephone bid of a maximum of \$760 CAD, although the membership at the meeting bid up to \$750 for it.



Lowell welcomes your consignments, and remember we keep our consignment fees very low, if not the lowest in Ontario. The SWCS commission charged to consignors: Sold for under \$20, auction fee is 25 cents and items sold for over \$20 fee is \$1. Pretty simple. No buyers premium, no sales tax. Bring your items to consign to the meeting or contact **Lowell Wierstra** at ljwierstra@rogers.com or call 519-824-6534! Please use the new consignment form. We are now accepting auction items for October 2017.

J.R. Grundy Tokens and Souvenir Medallions

John R. Grundy, arrived in Melbourne in January 1855 according to Gardner. He opened a tobacconist's shop in 1856, in Ballarat, and was the principal tobacconist in the town. Gardner states that Grundy lost his shop in 1872 after speculating heavily. Afterwards he made his living by selling 'colonial cigars' in Melbourne and died in straightened circumstances in the early 1900s. Gardner would appear to be incorrect as this advertisement in *The Starr* of June 25, 1861, confirms in Grundy's own words, that after eight years, he has closed his shop and is starting again, this time selling cigars which he will deliver to the purchaser. He confirms he has returned to the former location of his first shop on Main Street. This implies he has relocated the shop to another address sometime after opening it in 1853 not 1855 as has been published as his statement that after eight years, means it had to be 1853 since this paper is 1861. The Museum in Victoria (Australia) has published Gardner's writings as the information for the Grundy token background. I believe it was the second business (shop) "cigars" that ceased to operate in 1872 (eleven years later). Ballarat was a tent gold mining district when Grundy first arrived, by the 1860s, after the Eureka Stockade days, the district was now growing rapidly with buildings. The diggers lost the battle but won political reforms. Grundy customers would have been entrepreneurs, miners, police, and military mostly. By 1890 Ballarat would have a population of 40,000 — in the decade, telegraph, telephone, and electric lamps to replace gas would have arrived. A bust would occur in 1893 with the bank crash.

Grundy was, according to Gardner, an Englishman from near London. Victorian immigration records include one John R. Grundy, who arrived in Melbourne on the *Ben Nevis* in January 1855. He opened a tobacconist's shop in 1856, in Ballarat, 'and was the principal tobacconist in the town.'

In Ballarat Directories dated 1856, 1862 and 1865-1866, his address is given as Main Road, Ballarat. Gardner gives his address as Bridge Road.

In 1862 Grundy took out a half page advertisement in *Birtchnell's Ballarat Directory*, which simply read 'J.R. Grundy, wholesale tobacco and cigar merchant, Ballarat.' In 1864 he published a number of small advertisements in Ballarat's *The Evening Post* newspaper, which read: 'To connoisseurs! J.R. GRUNDY, tobacconist. Has Seven Years Old HAVANNAH CIGARS At 22s per Box, Cash,' (The Evening Post, 28 January 1864). These advertisements were not repeated every day, as many advertisements did in the papers of the time. It seems likely that Grundy was advertising the receipt of a batch of relatively rare and sought after items. Gardner states that Grundy lost his shop in 1872 after speculating heavily. Afterwards he made his living by selling 'colonial cigars' in Melbourne and died in straightened circumstances in the early 1900s.

His two varieties of penny tokens were both issued in 1861. The most significant difference between them is the fact that one issue had the town's name spelt 'Ballaarat' (the older style) and the other 'Ballarat' (the style still in use today). The two varieties of tokens were both struck by Heaton and Sons.

This round plain-edged 34mm diameter (14.605 g) bronze token (No. 30) features the name, address and business of the issuer: J.R. Grundy (1825-1910) Ballarat Merchant together with a cutting from a tobacco plant. The

the most liberal terms.

Not giving up, but going on with renewed vigor.

J. R. GRUNDY, TOBACCO MERCHANT,

RESPECTFULLY informs the people of Ballarat and its vicinity, that he has closed his premises in Sturt Street, near the Mechanics' Institution, and thanks them for their kind favors for the last eight years. He intends still carrying on the Retail Business as usual at his old premises (the first Tobacconist's Shop on Ballarat), 114, MAIN ROAD, where he will be glad to receive a continuance of his customers' support. He wishes them also to know that it is his intention to give more particular attention to the WHOLESALE TRADE with STOREKEEPERS and MINING COMPANIES, and cut prices finer than he has hitherto done. The following goods, at the lowest wholesale prices, are

FOR SALE—

TOBACCO, 4lbs, Rara Avis, Uncle Toby, Peach Blossom, and Oriental; Small Plug, of best quality. CIGARS—Manillas No. 2; Manila Havana shape; Swiss and Cabanas. PIPES, MATCHES, and FANCY GOODS, the largest Stock on Ballarat. English, Irish, Scotch, French, and Colonial SNUFF. Cut Aromatic, Cavendish, Bird's Eye, and Fine Cut Tobacco.

Brown Paper, Paper Bags, String, Candles, Candle Cotton, Cotton Waste, Packing, Engine Oil, Lamp Oil, Paint Oil, Kerosene, Naphtha, Refined Tallow, Anti-Friction, Gas Globes, Lamp Chimneys, Cutlery, Stationery, and POSTAGE STAMPS.

Goods Delivered Free of Charge.

JOHN GIBB,

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT MAKER

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BALLARAT, TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1861.

PRICE SIXPENCE.



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reverse features a female figure representing Justice standing facing left. She wears a blindfold and extends a balanced set of scales with her right hand. With her left, she holds an inverted cornucopia from which fruits flow onto the ground. She wears an ancient-style of flowing dress bound at the waist, her left arm is draped to near the elbow while drapery falls from her extended arm to below the horizon line behind. A three-masted sailing ship on horizon at left of token. This token has a major obverse die crack. Obverse: Branch of Tobacco depicting flowers and leaves: around, J.R. GRUNDY MERCHANT BALLARAT . 1861. Large die crack from rim 01 to rim 06 through plant. Reverse: Female figure representing Justice standing facing left. She wears a blindfold and extends a balanced set of scales with her right hand. With her left she holds an inverted cornucopia from which fruits flow onto the ground. She wears an ancient-style of flowing dress bound at the waist, her left arm is draped to near the elbow while drapery falls from her extended arm to below the horizon line behind. A three-masted sailing ship on horizon at left of token. Around on wide raised border: INDUSTRIA ET FIDES OMNIA VINCET . VICTORIA. This image is from the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) and the token was previously in the collection of Eugene von Guerard (pre-1880).

Grundy issued two quite different token designs dated 1861. The first depicted a tobacco plant growing from grassy ground combined with a Coat of Arms while the second (this token) depicted a cut stalk of flowering tobacco and a standing figure representing Justice. This issue employed two slightly different obverse dies which can be differentiated by the shape of the first bud on the right side of the stalk and the position of the growth of the first flower bud in relation to the central veins of the large leaf on the right. Obverse B has the first bud opening at right angles and the flower emerging entirely below the central vein. Obverse C has the first bud still largely closed and the flower emerging above the central vein. In addition there were two reverse dies— Reverse 3 on which all letter A's are A with cross bar, and Reverse 4 where all letter A's are in fact an inverted V with no cross bar. This token was struck with die combination B/3. Andrews 158 and Heyde 88/2 record the die combination C/3 but the Museum variety of this was C/4—does C/3 occur?



There is another variety (No. 25) where BALLARAT is spelt BALLAARAT. The name of the town Ballarat (Victoria) on this token is spelt with two a's (Ballaarat). It was common to find it spelt this way in the early days of the Colony, being more in accordance with the name as pronounced by the natives, but the generally accepted way of spelling the word is now Ballarat. There are copper 1972s reproductions or souvenir restrikes (TC-110113 / Z-365) on the



market too. They do not have Justice on the reverse. Depending on their grade, they can still fetch \$8-\$65 AUD. They also exist for other proprietors of the 1800s such as W. R. Watson & Co. Series Two, and Southward & Sumpton Series Three.

These Sovereign Hill Ballarat souvenir medallions (tokens) were made by Stokes (Australasia) Pty Ltd. in 1972 for the Sovereign Hill Museum Association. Thomas Stokes was born in Edgburston, Birmingham, England, in 1831. He was apprenticed to a diesinker, and migrated to Australia in search of gold in the 1850s. He did not succeed, but returned to his trade as a diesinker and button maker. In 1856 he established a successful business at 15 Mincing Lane, Melbourne, and soon moved to larger premises at 115 Flinders Lane. In 1857 Stokes acquired a press from W.J. Taylor and began to mint large numbers of tradesmen's tokens, some 82 varieties in all (this has more recently been contested). He also commenced the Australian Medalllic Issues. Within a short time the business moved again, to 100 Collins Street. In 1873 Stokes took a partner, Martin, and the business was re-named Stokes & Martin. It added silverware to its product line, but the new direction was not well received. The business relocated to 29 Little Collins Street, where in 1893 a disastrous fire damaged a large portion of the business. Unfortunately Martin had forgotten to renew the fire insurance policy, and the partnership was dissolved as a result. Stokes rebuilt the business as Stokes & Son.



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The business became a proprietary concern in 1911, re-named Stokes & Son Pty Ltd. Its medals ceased being artistically significant, although remained technically sound. It began to focus on mass-produced medals at competitive prices, rapidly produced with insufficient time to develop artistic designs.

In 1935 the business moved to Albert Street, Brunswick, and in 1962 Stokes became a public company, renamed Stokes (Australasia) Pty Ltd. By 2005, the business had relocated to Ringwood.

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Local Clubs & Numismatic Associations Upcoming Shows & Conventions

*For other shows (out-of-province, out-of-country, dealers, auction houses),
go to Canadian Coin News Events Page, <http://canadiancoinnews.com/events/>*

2017-August 1-5: World's Fair of Money at the Colorado Convention Centre, 700 14th St., Denver, CO 80202 USA. This is the biggest, most educational coin show in the the U.S.A. Build your collection from the best numismatic inventory anywhere, attend lectures and seminars, and view rare historical treasures from the American Numismatic Association's Money Museum and private collections. There are also exhibits, a large bourse, luncheon, round table forum (Money Talks), awards banquet, receptions, silent auction, young numismatist events, judges familiarization and certification program, and of course beautiful Denver to see: Rocky Mountain National Park, Explore Foothills, Haunted Pubs Walking Tours, Pike's Peak and Air Force Academy, Mount Evans, and Scavenger Hunt Adventures—these are all regular August tours in Denver.

2017-Aug 13: South Western Ontario Numismatics (SWON)Coin and Collectables Show at Paris Fairgrounds, 139 Silver St., Paris, ON N3L 1V4, hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Ted Bailey, ph: 519-442-3474, email: tedscollectables@bellnet.ca.

2017-Aug 27: Woodstock Coin Club's 28th Annual Coin Show at Woodstock Community Centre (Goff Hall), 381 Finkle St., Woodstock, ON N4S 4S2, hours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Rick Johnson, ph: 519-537-3858, email: martjohn@execulink.com.

2017-Sept-10: Rotary Club of Brampton Coin & Trading Card Show at Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. E., Brampton, ON L6V 1N4, hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$3 (under 14 free), funds raised for children's charities. Free Parking. Sponsor / Affiliate: Willard Burton and the Rotary Club of Brampton. Contact Willard Burton, phone 416-254-6569, email willardb@bell.net.

2017-Sept-17: London Numismatic Society Coin Show at Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Road (off Hwy. 401), London, ON N6E 1W1, hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2 (under 12 free). Free parking. Contact Lorne Barnes, phone 519-643-6541, email 1wdin5@gmail.com.

2017-Sept-29-30: Toronto Coin Expo—Canada's Coin & Banknote Show at the Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., 2nd Floor, Toronto, ON M4W 2G8, hours both Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$6 (under 16 free). Featuring over 30 internationally renowned coin and banknote dealers. Partnering with Geoffrey Bell Auctions Sept. 28-29 (Thurs/Fri). Contact Jared Stapleton, phone 647-403-7334, email torontocoinexpo@gmail.com.

Creelman Bros., Georgetown, Ontario

[DYK #95 —printed with consent of author Scott E. Douglas]

DID YOU
KNOW



.....that a pioneer in the knitting machine industry began an empire in Georgetown, Ontario that lasted almost 50 years?

A while ago I was prowling through a local antique shop when I had the fortune to stumble upon a back issue of the Georgetown Herald from Thursday July 23, 1891. I grew up in Georgetown*, having delivered the Herald in my youth, so the appeal is obvious. I also happen to know that due to a fire many of the issues of the Herald were destroyed and lost forever.

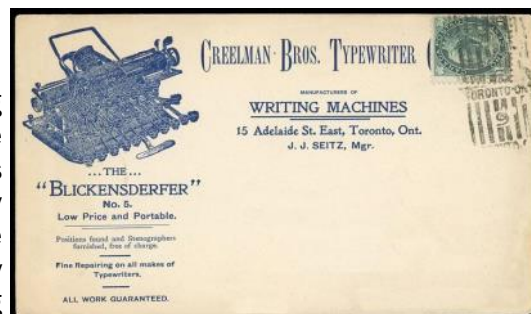
Inside this edition of the paper was an ad by Creelman Bros with a 'paper token' for \$2.00 toward the purchase of a Dollar Family Knitting Machine. The 'token' is very attractive and would have made a wonderful piece in metal had it been executed as such.



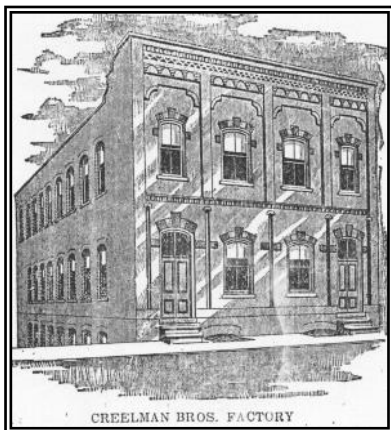
Richard Creelman along with his brother Robertson Creelman began a business on Main St. in Georgetown in 1872. Although originally dealing in books, stationery, musical instruments and sewing machines they soon established a factory for the manufacture of knitting machines. This venture was described in an 1893 newspaper as "the pioneer industry of its kind, it is believed, in the Dominion."

In 1890 the brothers separated with Robertson taking the stationery business to Collingwood, Ontario and Richard kept the knitting machine factory in Georgetown. At one time Creelman advertised that they manufactured 20 styles of knitting machines. Around this time Richard also began selling typewriters.

Richard Creelman traveled throughout the world promoting his knitting machines and at one time lived in France for 3 years selling his machines. The Company letterhead of 1888 advertised their 'Manufactory' as Creelman's Block, Main St. Georgetown and their European Office in Antwerp, Belgium. By 1913 Creelman claimed that in almost every country of the world could be found the nameplate of "Creelman Bros., Georgetown Canada. The company also claimed by this date to have sold between 25,000 and 30,000 knitting machines.



Some time in the 1920's the company changed its name to Creelman Limited with Richard's son Clifford becoming involved. However, declining health forced Richard to sell the business. Richard died in 1932 at the age of 82 years.



The Creelman building later housed a candy company 1948-1957, a Fish and Chip shop, a barbershop, a photo studio, a T.V. and appliance store and an instrument company until finally being purchased in 1966 by Sid Silver who ran Silver's Clothing store beside the building. Before Silver could tear down the building to expand his store fire consumed the structure hastening its demolition.



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This article is written by:



Scott E. Douglas,
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*Authors note.

I grew up in Georgetown having lived there from the age of five (1957). I delivered the local newspaper for many years and also delivered bread door-to-door in my youth.

Until I discovered the aforementioned newspaper I had never, to my knowledge, heard of Creelman Bros. or any of the family before this. The house Richard Creelman owned still stands to this day (2016) although it is becoming swallowed up with surrounding newly built townhomes. I drive past this house, which sits on highway 7, a couple of times each week and have been for more than 50 years. This is just one more example of how local history and numismatics make us aware of the people that came before us. Those forgotten lives are gratefully reborn to the researcher.



1997 Canadian Uncirculated Proof-Like (Specimen Finish) Sets

In our Daytona draw at our July meeting, there was included a 1997 PL set. Did you know the value of this 7-coin set varies from wholesale \$11.95 to \$27.95 / retail \$14.00 to \$35.00 in mint condition? Did you know that's because some of these sets were minted in Winnipeg (the lower value) and some were minted in Ottawa (the higher value)? But why two mint branches making these sets?

Answer—A Charlton Standard Catalogue CANADIAN COINS Volume Two Collector and Maple Leaf Issues 6th Edition, 2016 W.K. Cross:

“In 1997 the two-dollar Polar Bear coin (toonie) was added to the set. In mid-1997 the Royal Canadian Mint transferred production of the Brilliant Uncirculated Sets to the Winnipeg mint. The Ottawa and Winnipeg issues of 1997 can be distinguished by the method of packaging, and by the finish on the two dollar coins (Ottawa “shiny” / Winnipeg “frosted”). Those produced in Ottawa have a brilliant, or shiny, polar bear, whereas on coins produced at Winnipeg, the bear has a frosted appearance. The coins are indicated by (O) for Ottawa and (W) for Winnipeg in the listings. No mint marks appear on 1997-dated coins. The finishes on both sets (1997) are technically equal, being Brilliant Relief on Parallel Lined background.”

Be very careful if dealing on-line, especially sites like eBay, esty, eBid, that the pricing doesn't reflect Ottawa when the set is a Winnipeg issue.



Arhat Coins

Chinese Coins Money in History and Society, Yu Liuliang and Yu Hong, Long River Press, San Francisco, Printed in China, First Edition, 2004:

“Since the Qing Dynasty was the last of China’s dynasties — extending into the 20th century, many of its coins have been handed down and can be studied and collected to this day. With the increasing interest and availability of Qing-era coins, there have appeared many stories about popular coins in China’s past. The story of Arhat Coins is one example.

The Arhat coin is regarded as a folk treasure. It is often given as a special gift to dear friends and loved ones on the even Chinese New Year. The Arhat coin is to be placed at the bottom of a trunk for a daughter when she is married. Others believe that there is gold contained within Arhat coins and try to extract gold by melting them. The power of the Arhat coin has been much exaggerated.

There are many folktales about the origin of Arhat coins. In the early 16th century, the Qing Emperor Kang Xi sent troops to suppress insurrections in Tibet via Qinghai and Sichuan. On their way there, due to lack of pay and provisions for soldiers, the army commander had to turn to Buddhist temples to borrow copper in order to make coins. In fear, the monks had to hand over many copper statues of Arhats, or religious figures. To meet the demand, the monks had to give up 18 statues of Arhats. Coins made from their copper shone with the light of gold.

More than 50 years ago, researchers looked into the origins of Arhat coins. Through a Buddhist abbot named Lang Wu, researchers learned of the Jingsi Temple in Hangzhou.

The Jingsi Temple in Hangzhou was to be renovated during the reign of Qing Emperor Dao Guang. As preparations were under way, a resident monk suddenly discovered a string of brand new coins inside a statue of an Arhat. He untied the string and found that they were all quality coins minted on the occasion of the 60th birthday of the Emperor Kang Xi. Inscriptions on such coins are slightly different than those of other coins of the same period: they were called *Wan Shou* coins at the time (and are now known simply as Arhat coins). The string of coins was actually hidden there by a Buddhist benefactor of the statue, probably during the reign of Kang Xi or Yong Zheng. Such practice had in fact started in the Yuan Dynasty. The head monk of the Jingsi Temple claimed that anyone who possessed such a coin would be protected by the Arhats and would live a long life. The coin, furthermore, would expel all evil spirits.

This pronouncement attracted a large number of Buddhist devotees and benefactors, who wished to make donations simply to receive an Arhat coin. Since that time, the coins were referred to as Arhat coins, and the original name *Wan Shou*, was gradually forgotten. This is how the name Arhat coin was originated.

In fact, the Arhat coins we see today are largely ceremonial and were minted many times and in large quantities in recent history. The coins truly minted from copper are rare. It was in the 3rd month of the year 1713, that the coins commemorating the 60th birthday of Emperor Kangxi were minted under the Baoquan Board of the Ministry of Revenue in Beijing at the order of the imperial house. Those little copper coins all have wide outer circle, are of good quality, glossy and smooth. On the reverse, there are scripts in Manchurian, a translation of Baoquan.

Folktales have shrouded the coins with mystery. Gradually, those ordinary coins, now called Arhat coins, have become the theme of many stories, some of which have even been adopted for stage performance.”



Counterfeit \$50 and \$100s

Tom Ranville explained at the WCS July meeting, about a run of counterfeit \$50 and \$100 bank notes being passed at the St. Jacob's Farmers' Market, and that the police has suspects on the horizon and are closely monitoring. In the spring, London (Ontario) Police Service warned of an influx into that city at the time. If things get too hot in one community, the offenders move to another community.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) office explains these fake bills have been around this year, and are replicas of the 1969-1979 *Scenes of Canada* series. These are not polymer bills, but old Canadian style. There have been similar trends in the past with U.S. currency, but this is the first real influx of bad Canadian currency that has been seen in some time. These have most recently shown up in southern Alberta.

You can learn more on counterfeit prevention on the Bank of Canada website <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes/counterfeit-prevention/>, and anyone with information on the counterfeit bills is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers.



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7	Confederation quarters 125 years Qty of 12	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.00		
8	Sweden Qty of 11 coin 2 silver	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00		
9	Canada 1977 Silver Jubilee black cased dollar	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.00		
10	Costa Rica 3 coins 1935 colon 1921 10 cnt.1936 5 cnt	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00		
11	Canada 2012 twenty dollar radar note BSH, UNC		\$ 22.00		
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13	Italy 4 military issued 1943 notes 1,2,5,and 10lira f	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
14	Netherland 10 gulden note 1943 only folds	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
15	Netherland 1 gulden note 1943 one fold	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
16	France 1940 five franc note VG	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
17	France 1943 twenty franc note X VG	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.00		
18	France 1944 2 & 10 franc Allied Military notes F		\$ 2.00		
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